DTH Coverage of Prasar Bharati

2815. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing free-to-air DTH coverage of the Prasar Bharati across the country; and

(b) what is its future action-plan to extend its coverage to more households?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Doordarshan's Ku band Free-to-Air (Direct-to-Home) transmission service launched on 16th Dec. 2004 comprising thirty-three T.V. (19 Doordarshan and 14 private channels) besides twelve AIR channels is available to the viewers/listeners throughout the country (except A&N Islands) which can be received with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.

(b) The Government has permitted Doordarshan to raise the number of TV channels in the DTH bouquet from thirty three channels to fifty. Prasar Bharati has also started examining the technical and commercial feasibility to further expand the capacity of DTH platform to cover one hundred channels.

National Legal Literacy Day

2816. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently celebrated the National Legal Literacy Day;

(b) if so, whether Government had set any new objectives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI V. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Legal Literacy Mission endeavours to empower the economically and socially disadvantaged citizens by making them legally literate. The three-way approach of the Mission focuses on-education